



PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Sharma et al.

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For: Melanocortin Metallopeptide Constructs,
Combinatorial Libraries and Applications

Examiner: J. E. Russel

Group Art Unit: 1654

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a)
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1654**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.